

NAME MISS WILLARD AS THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL W. C. T. U. RE-
ELECT HER PRESIDENT.

Officers of the Organization All Retained For the Ensuing Term—Important Resolutions as to the Woman's Bible—The Convention Will Close This Evening.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Tuesday's session re-elected the old board of officers without opposition as follows:

President—Frances E. Willard, Illinois.

Vice president-at-large—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Maine.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Katharine Lente Stevenson, Massachusetts.

Recording secretary—Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, Missouri.

Treasurer—Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Illinois.

The usual early morning prayer meeting at Schuyler Memorial House was followed by the convention in Music Hall, which was promptly called to order at 9 o'clock by President Willard. The following resolution was adopted without much debate:

"Resolved, That while we recognize the right of women to make commentaries on the bible, as men have done, from the beginning until now, we regret that the name 'Woman's Bible' has been given to any volume, and we further deplore the misapprehension of the press, secular and religious, in styling the commentary on those parts of the bible only relating to women as 'A new version of the scriptures.'"

"We further disclaim any connection whatever of our society or of our national president with this work."

The final report of the credentials committee showed that forty-five states are represented in the convention, with 395 delegates and officers, consisting of all the general officers, many of the department superintendents, vice presidents, state officers, national organizers and evangelists and editors of state papers, etc.

A delegate announced that it was reported that the house in Washington in which Abraham Lincoln died was to be turned into a saloon. A resolution was adopted denouncing this and memorializing congress to take the necessary action to prevent it.

Petitions will be sent in behalf of the convention to both houses of congress. They will pray for a bill to forbid Sunday traffic in the District of Columbia and a bill to raise the age of protection for girls to 18 in the District of Columbia and the territories. Interstate gambling by telegraph is also on the forbidden list.

The passage of a bill for the appointment of a non-partisan commission to investigate the problems of labor and capital and report some solution, the commission to consist of five farmers, five laborers, five manufacturers and five representatives of business and professions, will be asked for. Resolutions favoring the Keeley league and other similar cures were adopted.

This convention has been so fruitful in good things that many of the delegates are struggling to have the association go for their native cities next year. Portland, Me., is the most likely to get it, while Portland, Ore., is going to stay to the finish. Then comes Nashville, Tenn., and Milwaukee, Wis. Last night was a state benefit night, arranged for the states which had increased 500 in membership during the last year. A musical programme was provided, and the audience stayed throughout to listen to it.

To-night the convention closes. At night there will be a grand demonstration. It is called people's night, and the entire delegation will march around the stage, waving state banners. Following this there will be a department parade.

Jackson and Walling Must Die.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 18.—It is rumored that the court of appeals has agreed on a decision affirming the death sentence imposed on Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling for the murder of Pearl Bryan, and that the decisions will be handed down not later than Friday or Saturday.

Murderer Commits Suicide.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 18.—Surrounded by officers, Sebe Jones, charged with murder, committed suicide rather than submit to arrest. Early Sunday morning Jones fired a shot into Will Amos, from which he died. Jones escaped at the time and last night was located in a house in West Ninth street. Officers surrounded the house and were about to force an entrance when Jones fired a bullet into his brain, dying instantly.

Says Harry St. John Is Dead.

Olney, Ill., Nov. 18.—The story that Harry St. John, son of ex-Gov. St. John, whose death occurred at Guthrie, Oct. 10, has been seen in Kansas City is denied by denizens of this place. His remains were brought here and buried Oct. 15.

Iron and Steel Manufacturers Meet.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—The Association of Iron and Steel Manufacturers is in session here, considering the condition of the trade.

LEAGUE IN SESSION.

Many Lutherans Gather at Their Convention in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Sons and Daughters of the Reformation gathered under the banner of the great founder of a powerful sect last night. It was the second national convention of the Lutheran League of America, and delegates from many states were present to contribute to the success of a movement designed to promote unity among the Lutheran young people and encourage higher spiritual living.

After prayer and the reading of the scripture lesson, the welcome of the Chicago league was extended by its president, F. E. Jensen. He told of the work in this city, which has 1,200 leaguers. He said that Chicago is the strongest of Lutheran communities, having 50,000 communicants, 100 churches, in which the followers of the creed worship in ten different tongues.

The Lutheran league was organized in Pittsburg in October of last year, and now numbers 50,000 active and 15,000 associate members. Pennsylvania has the strongest state organization, with 16,000 members, while twenty-three states are represented in the organization. Hereafter the meetings will be held biennially, and at this time the officers for the next two years will be elected.

Bryan to Speak in the South.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 18.—It has been definitely arranged that William J. Bryan is to take the lecture platform, and his first address will be delivered at Atlanta, Ga., early in December. His route, as far as it has at present been arranged, will be, after leaving Atlanta: Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Augusta, Birmingham and New Orleans. After leaving New Orleans he will go through Texas, then on to California and Oregon, and will not reach the cities of the east before the latter part of February, 1897.

Vanderbilt for Ambassador.

New York, Nov. 18.—The statement that W. K. Vanderbilt gave \$150,000 to the republican campaign committee a few days before the election has given rise to the rumor that he expects to be made ambassador to the court of St. James. Mr. Vanderbilt's contribution is the largest individual contribution ever made to a campaign fund. Cornelius Vanderbilt contributed \$50,000, making the total Vanderbilt contribution \$200,000.

Protest Against the Count.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 18.—The silver men, it is claimed, have a scheme to throw out the vote of Fayette, Woodford and Bourbon counties, and giving Bryan a majority in the state. They intend to enter a protest against the returning board counting the vote of these three counties, because of the fact that free turn-pike elections were held in them at the same time as the national election.

Army of the Tennessee Reunion.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 18.—The twenty-eighth annual reunion of the Society of the Army of Tennessee will be held in this city today and Thursday at the Southern hotel. This evening they will be tendered a reception in Entertainment hall. Exposition building, when the annual address will be delivered by Gen. O. O. Howard of the regular army.

Demand Popular Suffrage.

Paris, Nov. 18.—The chamber of deputies adopted by a vote of 297 to 238 M. Guillemet's radical proposal to substitute universal suffrage for the municipal councils in the election of delegates who elect senators. It is believed that the proposal is certain to be rejected in the senate.

Sunday School Union Meets.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The annual conference of the American Sunday-School union opened yesterday at the Chicago Bible institute, 80 Institute place. Officers and missionaries are present from many towns and cities in the north-western states. The convention will be in session until Saturday night.

Official Vote in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 18.—The official vote from every county in Mississippi shows that Bryan received 63,253, McKinley 4,349, Palmer 1,021, Levering 340. Bryan's majority over all is 56,933. The vote is 16,704 greater than that cast in the presidential election of 1892.

Youngstown, Ohio, Mills Resume.

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 18.—A number of the mills have started. Nos. 1 and 4 puddle mills, Williams' bar mill, the three-bar mill, twelve-inch, the hoop, guide and sheet mills are operating at the Brown-Bonnell Iron company and expect to keep going for some time.

Wanamaker for Senator.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 18.—Ex-Postmaster-General John Wanamaker has signified his willingness to be a candidate for United States senator from Pennsylvania to succeed J. Donald Cameron, whose term expires March 31, 1897.

Burned to Death at Her Home.

Lacon, Ill., Nov. 18.—The home of Mrs. John Olson, living near Varna, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. She was missed after the fire, and when a search was instituted her remains were found among the ashes.

TO GOVERN TURKEY BY A NEW SCHEME

EUROPEAN POWERS HAVE A PLAN.

It Is Proposed to Run the Financial Administration of the Country Without Native Officials—The Taxation System Proposed—Germany and Austria Will Consent

London, Nov. 18.—The Daily News says it learns that the powers are considering a scheme for financial control and the placing of the administration of Turkey in the hands of a responsible European minister, Edgar Vincent (at present director of the Ottoman bank) becoming the minister of finance, a Russian officer the minister of war and a Frenchman minister of the interior, the grand vizier remaining president of the council of state, subject to the powers' approval.

"There is reason to believe," the Daily News says, "that Germany and Austria will consent to such a scheme, which would maintain the integrity of the Ottoman dominion but would not necessarily keep the present sultan on the throne."

"The scheme is believed to provide for first raising a loan of £5,000,000 to be applied to the administration and the reduction of the army, each villayet to have a European receiver-general responsible to the minister, who is to collect taxes and pay salaries, the dismissal of incompetent and ill-reputed officers, the reorganization of the gendarmeries under Turkish and European officers and equal rights to all religious communities."

Illinois Federation of Labor.

East St. Louis, Ill., Nov. 18.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor was called to order at 10 o'clock Tuesday in Jackiesch's hall, East St. Louis, by President Charles J. Riefler of Springfield. About 100 delegates from Springfield, Belleville, Alton, Chicago, Peoria, Bloomington, Quincy, Glen Carbon, East St. Louis and Galesburg are present. President Riefler delivered his annual address, which favors revenue reform, reform of convict labor laws, selection of an official organ, change of time of annual meetings, and opposing any change in laws governing collection of debts.

To Reform the Currency.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—The Indianapolis board of trade has taken the initiative in a movement looking to recommendations from the boards of trade of the country to congress, with reference to a reform in the currency system. The governing committee has called a meeting to consider the advisability of extending a call to the leading boards throughout the middle west. The men behind the movement have in view a national convention of boards of trade, out of which may come recommendations.

Entertain the Doctors.

City of Mexico, Nov. 18.—The delegates to the pan-American medical congress put in a very busy day with morning and afternoon sessions, besides visiting the new abattoir. The general session took place at night in the chamber of deputies. The discussions were of purely medical interest. The delegates are greatly pleased with the warmth and cordiality of the reception accorded them.

Indiana Miners Meet.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 18.—The state convention of miners, called to consider the strike situation, will take action to-day. The delegates seem to be in favor of holding out for the 60-cent scale. They also condemn the box measurement basis of payment for mining, and it is possible the men working on that basis will be called out.

Favors the Cause of Cuba.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 18.—A memorial to congress was introduced in the assembly Tuesday expressing profound sympathy with the cause of the Cuban rebellion and petitioning the congressmen from Alabama to exert every influence to render them assistance. The memorial will be almost unanimously adopted.

Enters the Dominion Cabinet.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18.—Clifford Sifton, late of the Manitoba government, was on Tuesday sworn in here a member of the dominion cabinet as minister of the interior. This practically disposes of the Manitoba school question, and the text of the settlement will be announced by the government on Friday.

Capt. J. D. Hart Indicted.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 18.—Captain John D. Hart, whose alleged connection with the steamship Laurada has made him conspicuous, was indicted by the grand jury in the United States district court on charges which will bring him to trial for alleged aid rendered to the insurgents in the Cuban rebellion.

Clay Is Elected Senator.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—A. S. Clay, who was on Monday nominated by the democratic caucus for United States senator, was Tuesday formally elected to that office by the general assembly. One hundred and ninety-eight votes were cast, of which 161 were for Clay.

WEYLER IN DANGER DISPATCHES SAY

SPANISH FORCES MAY BE AMBUSHED.

Cubans at Jacksonville, Fla., Said to Have Received Encouraging News Havana Authorities Have Heard Nothing From Weyler and Anxiety Is Felt by the Government

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 18.—Prominent Cubans here are looking pleased, and, while nothing can be substantiated, it is rumored they have inside advices to the effect that Weyler is in bad shape and that he is likely to be ambuscaded with deadly effect. It is stated that Maceo has been making arrangements to receive Weyler for many weeks and this forward move of the Spanish leader is just what he desires. News from the front is looked for any moment, in the opinion of those who are in a position to know, and leaders of Cuban affairs here are not at all down-spirited.

WHERE IS GEN. WEYLER?

Havana Cannot Hear from the Spanish Commander.

Havana, Nov. 18.—No news, official or otherwise, is obtainable here concerning the movements of Captain General Weyler and his army, which is supposed to be in pursuit of the insurgent forces under Antonio Maceo in the Province of Pinar del Rio.

No news from a Spanish force in the field, as a rule, means bad news, and the insurgents are making the most of the situation by circulating reports of Spanish defeats. In truth there seems to be ground for the belief that the captain general has not met with the success he anticipated. While he is reported to be moving along the northern part of Pinar del Rio, Antonio Maceo is said to be south of him and not far from the trocha, or military line which would indicate the possibility of the insurgents turning the Spanish flank and making it difficult for the captain general to return to Havana. This, however, is conjecture, no news being allowed to leak out from the offices of the headquarters' staff in the palace.

The captain general was expected to arrive at Candelaria yesterday, and the Spanish officials here attribute the alleged retrograde movement of the insurgents under Maceo to this move upon the part of the Spanish commander. The latter's arrival at Candelaria, however, has not yet been announced, and there is no denying that a feeling of considerable anxiety can be noticed at the Spanish headquarters here.

METHODISTS MEET.

Prominent Scholars of the Church Gather at Evanston, Ill.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Evanston is honored with a distinguished assemblage this week in the presence of the presidents of the Methodist universities and colleges of the United States. At 11 o'clock Tuesday the convention was called to order. The chief executive of nearly every Methodist institution in the country was present, and as this is the first gathering of the educators in five years it is expected that some important plans for the future will be discussed. Among the duties of the association are fixing standards of requirements for admission to Methodist colleges and also standards of graduation.

In the afternoon officers of the College Association for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Dr. Henry Wade Rogers of Northwestern; vice-president, Dr. G. F. Goucher, Woman's College, Baltimore; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Samuel Plantz, Laurence University, Wisconsin.

Resolutions were adopted commendatory of the action of the first general conference of the Methodist church in making the work of students in Methodist theological schools equivalent to certain requirements usually exacted by the annual conference of those desiring ordination.

Indiana I. O. O. F.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—The grand encampment, I. O. O. F., met Tuesday in annual session. The officers elected are: James E. Bodine, Indianapolis, grand patriarch; J. T. McCoy, Peru, grand high priest; J. F. Mann, Decatur, grand senior warden; J. N. Nuzum, Elwood, grand junior warden; W. H. Leedy, grand scribe; John Reynolds, grand treasurer; J. M. Lang, Sullivan, grand representative; John E. Wallick, grand trustee. The report of the retiring grand patriarch showed a satisfactory financial condition and 10,996 active members.

Star Pointer Beats Patchen.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 18.—Star Pointer, the Tennessee pacing wonder, with a record of 2:02½, and champion of the world for three successive heats, won new laurels Tuesday by defeating Joe Patchen, that other king of the turf, in three straight heats in a match race for \$1,000 a side at Belmont track. The first mile was made in 2:04½, the second and third were paced in respectively 2:05½ and 2:06.

Fire at Marion, Ill.

Marion, Ill., Nov. 18.—Monday morning at 1:15 fire broke out in a saloon on the southeast corner of the square and soon the entire block was in flames. The loss will reach about \$50,000.

MR. SOVEREIGN RE-ELECTED.

Knights of Labor at Rochester Indorse His Official Course.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 18.—The general assembly of Knights of Labor Tuesday re-elected General Master Workman Sovereign of Arkansas, John W. Hayes was given another term as general secretary-treasurer, with but a



J. R. SOVEREIGN.

few scattering votes in opposition. Thomas B. Maguire of Amsterdam, N. Y., was elected general worthy foreman, over Philip Amon, a musician, from district assembly 197 of New Jersey. The plan of district assembly 79 of Minneapolis for co-operation in the purchase and distribution of the necessities of life was not formally adopted by the general assembly, but was recommended for use in particular localities where conditions are favorable to its success.

MAILS STILL DELAYED.

Floods on the Pacific Slope Thought to Have Reached the Limit.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 18.—The city is still isolated from the world as far as railroad traffic is concerned. An attempt to get passengers through to Portland was abandoned. The washout at Winlock prevented even a transfer, and other washouts farther down the line do not permit trains from Portland to reach that point. The White river bridge, on the Seattle branch, is still down, and no trains are running on that line. All travel between this city and Seattle is carried on by sound steamers. On the line to the east several washouts east of the mountains prevent trains running.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—The Canadian Pacific is the only one moving thus far, but it is claimed that the Great Northern railroad will push its coast line train out to-day, and railroad men say the Northern Pacific Overland will probably be in to-night.

Religious Congress Meets.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—Once more many of the thinkers who attended the world's fair congress of religious societies have come together under the name of the American Congress of Liberal Religious societies. The annual meeting of the members of the congress began in Plymouth church, this city, Tuesday night. There were about 100 prominent ministers from all parts of the United States present at the opening session. The Rev. F. W. Duhurst, pastor of Plymouth church, delivered an address of welcome, to which there was a response by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas of Chicago, the president of the congress.

Meet a Robber with Lead.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 18.—A man supposed to be David Carson of Burlington Junction or Trenton, Mo., was shot and instantly killed Monday night while robbing the store of Hill & Akeman at Midway, six miles west of this place. The man had two companions, who escaped. A man answering the description of one of the robbers was arrested at Rocheport, seven miles from the place of the killing. He refused to give his name.

Brutal Murder at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 18.—Tuesday afternoon George Elliott murdered his room-mate, Gay Huttonpiller, at the Windsor hotel, pounding his head with a coupling pin. Robbery was the motive. Elliott escaped, and was seen aboard the Burlington west-bound flyer, which left at 4 o'clock. Telegrams were sent to all the main points east and west in the hope of intercepting Elliott in his flight.

Upholds the Kansas Court.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 18.—Judge L. A. Myers, in the Santa Fe receivership hearing at Oskaloosa, Kan., ordered the amended petition stricken out, and refused to allow the case to be carried to the federal court. He also stated that had he the time he would proceed against Attorney Goddard for contempt.

Killed for a \$13 Debt.

Macon, Mo., Nov. 18.—William Gee shot and killed William Magnus on the latter's farm near this place. The killing was the result of a quarrel over a debt of \$13 Gee claimed Magnus owed him for work. Gee says he acted in self-defense. He is badly wounded.

Boy Murderer Sentenced.

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 18.—Francis J. Gallagher, the boy murderer, was sentenced to two years in prison for manslaughter. He was tried on the charge of murdering James Dugan, April 28, when he inflicted wounds with a small penknife which caused the death of Joseph Reid and James Dugan, both young men.

PROFFETT IS HELD IN \$2,000 BAIL

BELOIT NEGRO BEFORE A ROCKFORD COURT.

Says That Tramps Had Made Him Drink and He Did Not Know What He Was Doing—Women Had a Desperate Fight With the Colored Man.

Rockford, Ill., Nov. 18.—[Special]—Victor Proffett, the colored man who attacked Mrs. Lovelace and her sister near Beloit, was held for trial at Rockford yesterday, and being unable to furnish \$2,000 bail, he was sent to jail.

Proffett is an inferior looking negro boy, rather slight of build, but evidently possessing a sinewy frame. He spoke in a whining voice and broke into tears when giving his testimony. He gave his age as 17 years, and said that he had lived in Beloit about a year, with his mother. He said that he was in Caledonia Sunday and met a gang of bad men in a box car. They asked him to drink, and he refused. They insisted, and he claimed that the whiskey he drank "upset him." All this was told in a whining voice and with the shedding of tears.

The evidence of Mrs. Lovelace was simply and plainly given, but it proved her sister, Miss Morehouse, a heroine.

Both ladies are very young. Mrs. Lovelace being only twenty years of age, and her sister being a mere slip of a girl. Both are attractive looking and well educated. The negro would have overpowered Mrs. Lovelace had it not been for the heroic fight made by Grace, who scratched and struck the negro and even pulled his hair to make him desist. In spite of his curses and threats of shooting, and picked up some stones. The negro was afraid and desisted in his attack for a moment. Then the whistle was heard, and he released Mrs. Lovelace and took to his heels. It happened that no train was approaching, and, as there were no men within a half mile, Mrs. Lovelace owes her escape to her brave little sister. In the struggle Mrs. Lovelace's finger was quite badly bitten by the man.

FIVE YEARS MORE FOR M'MASTERS

Federal Court Finds Him Guilty—Some Other Wisconsin Specials.

Madison, Nov. 18.—[Special]—Capt. McMASTERS who was convicted of embezzling \$25,000 from the Eau Claire National Bank and was recently pardoned by Gov. Upham was convicted in the federal court today and sentenced to five more years in the penitentiary.

Jury Secured at Wausau.

Wausau, Wis., Nov. 18.—[Special]—A jury was secured this morning in the Peter Houtson murder case. Lord and Emery were convicted of the murder two years ago, but upon application to the supreme court they secured a new trial. Efforts are being made to prove that David Jacobs, who confessed complicity and who is now serving a life sentence, was the only one implicated, and that he brought Lord and Emery into it with the hope of being pardoned.

Gretion Is Found Guilty.

Oconto, Wis., Nov. 18.—[Special]—The jury in the case of David Gretion, who is charged with the murder of Marcellus Baribeau, brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the fourth degree. The sentence has not yet been passed.

Favor Payne for a Secretaryship.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 18.—Henry C. Payne was not formally indorsed for a cabinet position by the meeting here, representing a plurality of 100,000 of the voters of this state, but he was informally indorsed for postmaster-general by the state officers, the six congressmen who were present, about 100 members of the legislature and the leading politicians from all over the state, from John C. Spooner down.

Payne Agrees With Sawyer.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 18.—An evening paper is authority for the statement that Henry C. Payne, vice chairman of the republican national committee, is opposed to any radical changes in the tariff. He is said to favor only such legislation as will provide sufficient revenue, a position recently taken by ex-Senator Sawyer.

Witnesses Commit Suicide.

Green Bay, Wis., Nov. 18.—A few days ago August Pohl, chief witness against Swanson, accused of the Les-hake murder in the town of How, Oconto county, hanged himself. Now three more men in the town whose names are not learned, are reported as having hanged themselves through fear of being drawn into the case.

Boutelle Summoned to Canton.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Representative Charles A. Boutelle of Maine, while returning home from Canton received a dispatch in this city from President-Elect McKinley summoning him back to Canton. He left here at 4:30 p. m. for the west.

Indian Mission Funds.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18.—The total appropriations for Indian missions in the United States were fixed Tuesday by the general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church at \$8,937.

CAN THE CITY BUY THE WATER WORKS? TWO OF THE OPINIONS THAT CONFLICT

ATTORNEY JEFFRIS, OF COUNCIL, SAYS "YES." CITY ATTORNEY HORACE M'ELROY SAYS "NO."

Council Holds That the Purchase Can Be Legally Made and Says He Thinks the City Can Build For a Much Smaller Sum—His Opinion.

When a representative of The Gazette asked for the opinion of the attorneys in the water works matter yesterday, he was met by the statement that there was some objection, on the part of the mayor and some members of the committee, to the publication, in full, of Mr. Jeffris' opinion, and City Clerk Badger said that he did not feel warranted in giving them out for publication without the authority of the committee. With the understanding that the opinion was not to be published in full, however, the opinions were given to The Gazette man to read. Because The Gazette did not publish them in full, the charge is made that the opinions were "garbled." The reader can learn how much they were "garbled," as the complete reports have since been made public, and the opinions of M. G. Jeffris and City Attorney McElroy are appended. The opinion of Hon. John Winans will be published later, as space is not available today.

Mr. Jeffris' opinion is as follows:

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JANESVILLE—Pursuant to the request for an opinion as to whether the city of Janesville should purchase the water works of the Janesville Water company without exceeding its constitutional limit of indebtedness, I beg to state that in my judgment the city can purchase the works for the reasons following:

The constitutional provision is that no city shall be allowed to become indebted, etc., to an amount exceeding five per cent. of its assessed valuation.

The ordinary meaning of the word "indebted" is to become obligated to pay. There must be an obligation or agreement which can be enforced against the debtor in case of a refusal to pay.

The water works plant is now bonded to an amount over \$170,000 secured by mortgage on the plant, which bonds run varying lengths of time. The amount of equity of the company in the plant according to the bonds, stated by the company would not, in addition to the existing indebtedness of the city, exceed the five per cent. constitutional limit.

The purchase of the plant, however, or of the equity of the company, would of course, be subject to the existing bond and mortgage indebtedness, and then added to the amount of the equity claimed by the company and the existing indebtedness of the city would exceed the constitutional limit, so that the question is whether the bonds issued by the water company subject to which the city would purchase, would be considered an indebtedness of the city.

The amount of these bonds could only be collected by the holders from the plant in case the city should refuse to pay them. The bond holders could not compel the city to levy a tax for the payment of the interest on the bonds, nor recover in any other way from the city. In all probability the interest on the bonds would not have to be paid out of any taxes, raised because the receipts from the works, if they were properly run, should be sufficient to pay the interest and bonds as they fell due.

If it should be deemed advisable, however, in case of buying the works, to pay the existing indebtedness by tax, it could be done by providing for an annual tax in the future, and allowing the revenues to be applied to the debt. It is a fact that a future yearly taxation is not an "indebtedness" within the meaning of the constitution. This is the same principle as would be illustrated by a contract for hydrant rental for a number of years. Say that the city had made the contract for hydrant rental at \$10,000 a year for twenty years. The contract liability of the city would be substantially \$200,000, but the courts hold it is not to be considered an indebtedness, not an indebtedness in fact, because the revenue is raised each year to pay what comes due in each year. There are a few cases holding that a purchase of works subject to a debt in this manner makes the debt a part of the existing indebtedness. Our own supreme court has never adopted that view and I do not think they would adopt it if the occasion arose, as the other cases would seem to be the best considered and most logical. I have so considered this question as it might be determined by the decisions of the courts irrespective of the statute, but the legislature of 1895 passed a statute regarding the purchase of water works plants by cities, which settled this question absolutely. This is chapter 182 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1895. This statute provides that after the question of the purchase has been submitted to a vote of the people, and a majority have voted in favor of the purchase, and the common council has by ordinance adopted by a majority of all the members elected resolved in favor of such purchase, the city may purchase or lease the water works in the city, or purchase or lease the interest of such corporation in such works or obtain control of such works by purchasing the stock of such corporation and keeping up its organization. This act gives the right to the city to obtain the control of the works without reference to the indebtedness, and shows that the city need not assume or consider the indebtedness of the company. This ordinance, in my opinion, gives the city, in any case, the absolute right of purchasing the interest of the company in the works, and by so doing the city would not exceed its constitutional limit of indebtedness.

There are some cases which would seem to be in conflict with the foregoing opinion, and notably the case of Ironwood Water Works company vs. Treblecock, 58 N. W. Rep. 371, and the case of Mayor vs. Gill, 31 Maryland 375, and Littlefield vs. Ballou, 114 U. S. 190, the last two cases being cited with the Ironwood case. But none of these cases meet the conditions under which we propose to operate here. In none of these cases was there a provision of law authorizing a city to purchase stock in a water works corporation. We have upon our statute books a law permitting cities to purchase all of the stock in a corporation and to have the works operated for the benefit of the city. I know of no reason why a law passed by the legislature authorizing a city to purchase certain property for its benefit, and the benefit of the public, and such law is not in conflict with any provision of the constitution, cannot be and should not be utilized for public purposes. In my judgment, under the law heretofore cited, the city of Janesville can purchase all of the stock in the Janesville Water company, thereby becoming the owner of all the property of the company, which property, of course, would be subject to a lien for the amount of bonds outstanding. I think the legal right of the city is clear.

I desire to add, however, in this connection, that while the experts have figured out the cost of these works at about \$180,000, and that the interest charges added bring up the cost to the city to about the sum of \$224,000, for which sum I have no doubt the owners of the water works plant would be pleased to sell, yet it does not seem to me to be a very high price for the city to pay for such a price for these works. I am still satisfied that these works never cost any such sum of money. I have thorough figures of a water works builder, and I believe that this plant which is in the city of Janesville can be supplied today for less than \$125,000. I think if the city should cause plans to be prepared and ask for a contractor's bid upon the works, it will be found that works as extensive as are in the city of Janesville today can be built for a sum less than \$125,000. If this is true, the city of Janesville could then build water works, and still pay the hydrant rental for the next coming ten years to the present company, and yet save \$50,000 or \$60,000. When the bonds of the Janesville Water company were sold they realized considerably less than \$160,000, and no one who has ever had any connection with the works has claimed to have lost any money upon them. Yet we find this time that the enormous sum of charges has run up to the enormous sum of \$224,000 or \$233,000, and while these works may be a good investment to the owners at that sum, and I believe they are, yet the city of Janesville can do better from a business standpoint. I

His Opinion Conflicts With That of Mr. Jeffris and Holds That the Deal Cannot Be Made—His Idea of the Matter as Officially Set Forth.

Mr. McElroy's opinion is as follows:

TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JANESVILLE—In compliance with the request of the special committee of the common council having in charge the matter of the proposed purchase of the Janesville Water Works, I hereby submit to you for your consideration, the following opinion:

Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of Wisconsin, as originally adopted, is as follows: "It shall be the duty of the legislature, and they are hereby empowered to provide for the organization of cities and incorporated villages and to restrict their power of taxation, assessments, borrowing money, contracting debts and loans their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessments and taxation, and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations."

This provision of the constitution was amended by the legislature in 1872 and 1873, and the amendment was ratified by the people at the general election of November 5, 1874. The amendment added the following provisions to those of Section 3, Article XI:

No county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal corporation, shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose, to any amount including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for the state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal corporation, incurring any indebtedness, as aforesaid, shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt, as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, within twenty years from the date of contracting the same.

The assessed valuation of property in the city of Janesville upon which the state and county taxes are based for 1896 is \$45,327.50. Five per cent. of this amount is \$226,637.50, which amount represents the limit beyond which the city cannot become indebted.

The bonded debt of the city of Janesville is now \$55,000. The bonded debt of the Janesville Water company is now \$174,000, which debt is secured by mortgage upon the plant and franchise of the company. I understand that the sum of \$60,000 represents approximately the amount the city would have to pay were it to purchase the equity of redemption of the water company in the plant. These three sums amount to \$289,000, and exceed in the aggregate the amount of debt the city can legally incur, by \$233,750.

The question to be determined is whether upon a purchase of the equity in the plant, the \$174,000 bonded debt of the water company would become a debt of the city. If it should become a debt of the city the transaction would come within the prohibition of the constitution, and would be void. If, however, it should not become a debt of the city, the equity could be purchased, and bonds of the city issued for the \$60,000 necessary to pay for the same.

In construing the provisions of the constitution restricting the amount of debt the city can incur, such construction must be given to it as to give it effective operation and to suppress the mischief at which it is aimed. The prohibition is that no city shall become indebted in any manner or for any purpose, to an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes; and the purpose of such prohibition is to prevent abuses in taxation and in contracting debts by municipal corporations.

If the city could legally purchase the equity in this plant without reference to the bonded debt of the water company, it could equally well acquire in the same manner a city hall, library building, a public hospital, engine houses, school houses, electric light plants, sewers, parks, public drives, and boulevards. All these could be constructed by individuals or private corporations, mortgaged to their full extent, and the equity conveyed to the city. It needs no argument to show that in this manner all the constitutional barriers against municipal indebtedness could be swept away; and that the only restriction would be to keep the rate paid for the equities within the five per cent limit. It does not seem to me that such construction could be placed upon the provisions of the constitution that I have cited here in full. If the city should acquire the title to the equity in these works, it must pay the interest upon the \$174,000 for which the plant is mortgaged, and must pay the principal sum when due. Should the city fail or refuse to make such payments, the mortgagee or interest, the result would be a foreclosure of the mortgage by which the bonded debt of \$174,000 is secured, and the loss to the city, not only of the water works themselves, but of the \$60,000 paid for the equity. It is claimed that the city by reason of not assuming the mortgage debt of the water company would not owe it, and consequently would not be violating the provision of the constitution to which I have referred. My answer to that suggestion is this: That the city must pay the interest on the bonded debt to secure which the plant is mortgaged, and must ultimately pay the principal of the debt, or surrender the property that would then belong to the city in satisfaction of the same; and I know of no law that permits the money belonging to the taxpayers of the city to be used in the payment of either principal or interest of a debt that the city does not owe. And to my mind it would make no difference whether the money used for such payment was derived from the income of the water works, or by direct taxation. In my judgment the \$174,000 of bonded debt of the Janesville water company would become a debt of the city of Janesville within the meaning of Section 3, Article XI of the constitution, the moment the city became the owner of the equity in the plant. That sum added to the present debt of the city, would exceed the limit within which the city can incur debt; and the addition of the \$60,000 necessary to acquire title to the equity, would carry the city's indebtedness over \$233,750 beyond the limit fixed by the constitution of the state.

There has been no decision in the supreme court of this state that we can take as a precedent in this matter; but the precise proposition presented to us has been passed upon by the Supreme court of the state of Michigan, in the case of Ironwood Water Works Company et al. vs. Treblecock, Mayor et al., decided on March 27, 1894, and reported in volume 88 N. W. Reporter, page 371. The decision is too long to be incorporated into this report, but I will make such extracts from it as will enable the council, I trust, to see clearly the position taken by the court in deciding that case.

The city of Ironwood agreed to purchase the equity of the Ironwood Water Company and the Hurley Water Company in the plant owned by the two companies, for the sum of \$85,000. The charter of the city of Ironwood contained the provision that the total indebtedness of the city

INSTALLED A PASTOR LAST EVENING

The Rev. T. T. Creswell In Charge of Beloit's Presbyterian Church.

Beloit, Wis., Nov. 18.—The Rev. T. T. Creswell was last evening installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. F. Brown of Beloit presided. The Rev. J. W. Cochran of Madison gave the installation sermon; the Rev. E. H. Pence of Argyle gave the charge to the people. Mr. Creswell comes to Beloit from Minneapolis. He succeeds the Rev. C. D. Morrill, now agent for the Wisconsin Children's Home society.

MRS. BECKER LOOSES HER CLOAK
Garment Was Taken By a Sneak Thief On the Train.

Mrs. Jennie Becker, of Freeport, who is now visiting in town, is minus a valuable cloak that was taken by a sneak thief. While Mrs. Becker was on her way to this city from Helena, Montana, she was obliged to put her pet dog in the baggage car. When she returned a few minutes later the cloak was gone.

WHIST CLUB'S FIRST MEETING.

The I. M. C. Organization Entertained By Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith.

The I. M. C. whist club held the first meeting of the winter season last evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith. At 6:30 o'clock supper was served, and whist followed, the prizes being awarded to Mrs. H. G. Carter and Frank E. Fifield.

GOSSIP FOR JANESVILLE FOLK

SKATES, at Lowell's.

DOOR mats at Lowell's.

CARPENTER tools at Lowell's.

STOVES repaired at Lowell's.

GARLAND stoves, at Lowell's.

TABLE oil cloth at Lowell's.

TIN roofs repaired by Lowell.

FURNACES repaired, at Lowell's.

GLOVES and mittens at Lowell's.

Dress goods sale at Bort, Bailey & Co.

J. A. AND H. J. Cunningham are home from the east.

W. G. BENNETT of Rockford greeted local friends today.

H. L. KNOTT, of Milwaukee, was today at the Myers.

CONDUCTOR ROBBINS, of Baraboo, spent yesterday in the city.

The party of the Order of the Eastern Star will be given tonight.

The Robertson-Shearer nuptials will be celebrated this evening at 6:30.

SAMUEL CLEMONS' orchestra played for a dance at Magnolia last evening.

SUPPER will be served at the Court Street church parlors until 7 o'clock tonight.

EDWARD KNAPP, of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dilzer.

HON. I. C. SLOAN and wife left yesterday for Cocoa, Florida, to spend the winter.

MRS. ARTHUR OLARKE, of Edgerton, is the guest of Mrs. and Mrs. Croft Lincoln street.

THE ladies of the First M. E. church served supper at the church parlors last night.

MRS. HENRY WHITTAKER has left for Chicago to consult doctors in regard to her health.

\$4.75 takes a pair of A. E. Nettleton's \$7 patent leather shoes this week at Bennett & Cram's.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the First M. E. church met with Mrs. Mark Honeysett this afternoon.

KEEP your eye on our announcements for holiday goods, great stock on the road. Lowell Hardware Co.

A FINE driving mare five years old, excellent action standard bred will sell or trade. Lowell Hardware Co.

MRS. O. F. NOWLAN entertained the Women's Missionary Society of the Congregational church this afternoon.

WISCONSIN LODGE, No. 14 Independent Order of Odd Fellows meets at Odd Fellows hall Main street this evening.

STREET Commissioner Watson has commenced the general cleaning out of all gutters, preparing them for winter.

WILLIE CAESAR, ten year old, cut off one finger and mangled two others with an ax. Dr. E. F. Woods attended him.

THE reception for young men at the Y. M. C. A. building, which had been set for Friday night, has been postponed.

MEMBERS of the Janesville Light Infantry will give informal dances after the regular drills, on each Monday evening.

A VERY pleasant social evening was enjoyed by those who attended the Union Catholic League entertainment last evening.

SEVENTY-FIVE pieces of new dress goods are here—the best values and prettiest designs for the money ever brought to Janesville. Bort, Bailey & Co.

THE firm name of A. F. Hall & Co. is this day changed to Hall, Sayles and Fifield.

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A hacking cough is not only annoying to others, but it is dangerous to the person who has it. One Minute Cough cure will quickly put an end to it. C. D. Stevens

THE PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT

ORDER Eastern Star party.

WISCONSIN LODGE, No. 14, I. O. O. F.

SUPPER at Court Street M. E.

DEFENDS THE BIBLE FROM HIS OWN BOOK

EVIDENCE PRODUCED AGAINST INGERSOLL.

Hon. James Smith and Quotes Testimonials in Favor of the Holy Writ From His Volume on "Talks on Living Subjects"—What Edmund Burke Says.

In his book entitled "Talks on Living Subjects" James Sutherland of this city, quotes the following testimonials in favor of the Bible said Edmund Burke:

"I have read the Bible morning, noon and night and have ever been the better and happier man for so doing." Chancellor Kent testifies: "The Bible is equally adapted to the wants and infirmities of every human being. No other book ever adapted itself so authoritatively, and so pathetically to the judgment and moral sense of mankind." John Locke, the philosopher, in speaking of the Bible, said: "I gratefully receive and rejoice in the light of revelation, which has set me at rest in many things, the manner whereof, of my poor reason can by no means make out to me." George Washington said: "Above all, the pure and benign light of revelation has had a mellancholic influence on mankind, and increased the blessings of society." Said William H. Seward: "I do not believe human society, including not merely a few persons in any state, but whole masses of men, ever have attained, or ever can attain a high state of intelligence, virtue, security, liberty or happiness, without the Holy Scriptures."

"Coleridge, one of England's greatest poets, once said: 'The greatest proof to me of the inspiration of the Bible is, it is the only book in the world that finds me out at every point of my nature.' We think the experience of Coleridge is the experience of all who read and study the Bible.

"Said Sir Walter Scott, when near the close of life, to his son-in-law: 'Give me the book.' Mr. Lockhart inquired: 'What book?' when Mr. Scott replied, 'There is but one book—the Bible. Give that to me.'"

"Said Daniel Webster in speaking of the Bible 'I have read it through many times. I now make a practice of going through it once a year. It is a book of all others for lawyers as well as divines. I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rules of conduct.'"

"Said Sir Isaac Newton: 'I find more sure marks of authenticity in the bible than in any profane history whatever.'"

"The testimony of all these distinguished persons, with others who might be mentioned, ought, we think, to have greater weight than that of Mr. Ingersoll."

ROLLER IN WINTER QUARTERS.

Steam Road Building Machine Stored For The Winter.

The steam roller has ceased to operate for the summer and was stored away yesterday in its winter quarters on River street. The stone crusher at the Milmore quarry is now at a standstill, and 1,000 cords of stone are now in the quarry ready for the machine at the opening up of next season.

Clarence Milmore of the highway and bridge committee, says that about a mile and a quarter of road has been macadamized this season, but that it is the present intention to carry this work on to a larger extent next season.

ALEX. STAMPER GETS A PENSION.

He Was a Member of a Colored Regiment During The War.

Alexander Stamper, who resides at 204 Palm street is much pleased over the receiving of a pension, which includes \$126 back pay and \$18 every quarter. Mr. Stamper was in the colored regiment that showed such bravery at the battle of Fort Pillow. He is troubled with rheumatism.

AN ALBION COUPLE WED HERE.

Rev. H. W. Thompson Performed the Ceremony Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon the Rev. H. W. Thompson of the First M. E. church pronounced the words that united as husband and wife Miss Annie E. Hanson and Joseph E. Noble, both of Albion. They will reside upon a farm near Albion.

TWO FOOTBALL GAMES ARRANGED

High School Eleven Make Engagements For Friday and Thanksgiving Day.

The first High School football team will play the Edgerton High school team at Athletic Park Friday and on Thanksgiving morning the Janesville boys will meet Evansville's first High School team in this city.

BENNETT & Cram will receive Free Reading Matter coupons on all cash purchases except rubber goods. A. C. Switzer.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

1785—Sir David Wilkie, English painter, born; died 1841.

1804—Philip John Schuyler, American soldier, died in Albany; born 1733.

1881—George Law, American capitalist and promoter, died in New York city; born 1807.

1889—Standard time adopted in states east of the Rocky mountains.

1890—Chester Alan Arthur, twenty-first president of the United States, died in New York city; born 1829.

1893—Rev. Charles F. Deems, pastor of the Church of the Strangers in New York city, died there; born 1830.

RECIPROCITY IS DEMANDED.

Mr. McKinley will be justified in neglecting all other tariff changes until he has taken steps to restore the reciprocity system. The system had but two years of practical test. In that short time, however, it not only simplified and strengthened our trade relations with countries like France and Germany, but it laid the corner stone for the commercial unity of the American republic. Its good effects were prompt and conclusive. Under its operation our trade, with South America developed enormously, and its continuance meant that in a little while the markets of that vast region would be controlled by the manufacturers of the United States. This growing intimacy of trade relations was necessarily followed by closer political association and by a sharpened realization that the American republic possessed a community of interest and power which should bind them together in a mighty alliance, reaching from the St. Lawrence to Cape Horn, for their common development and protection.

The actual formation of this great continental union was set in motion by the reciprocity policy of the republican party. The Pan-American congress proposed by Mr. Blaine was a practical step toward a political and commercial alliance from which this country would have derived permanent control of the South American markets against European competition. And it was this enormous commercial advantage that theorists destroyed when they struck down the reciprocity system.

TOWARD THE DOLLAR MARK.

Mr. Bryan tells the country that he intends to run for the presidency again in 1900. The free silver issue, he says, has not fallen.

The silver issue may not have fallen as flat as Mr. Bryan, but one of the chief props is gone never to be restored. For three years silverites have made the dependence between silver and wheat their chief argument. When the independence of silver and wheat was shown clearly, shortly before the election, by the price of wheat raising, while that of silver kept on falling, free silver men declared that it was simply a capitalistic manipulation of the market for the purpose of influencing votes. Since the election however, wheat, instead of dropping to the side of silver again, has gone up higher, so that already it has nearly touched the idealized price of one dollar, and it holds the promise of going higher still. Indeed, considering the tendency of civilization constantly to lower prices, it might be said today that in its relation to wheat, gold has fallen in value instead of rising. With the great expansion of the wheat-growing area throughout the globe the price of wheat fell. By the contraction of this area, owing to crop failures in other countries, the price has risen. It is rough on silver theories, and rough on Mr. Bryan, but the biggest kind of a big thing for farmers.

New Dress Goods

We are going to give you some good interesting bargains in dress goods for awhile, as you will notice by reading our large ad. on page 8 tonight. We have 75 pieces of new dress goods, the prettiest designs ever brought to the city. 20 pieces of all wool 36 inch wide novelty dress goods at 25 cents a yard, in many combinations of colors. The goods are worth 40 and 50 cents. At 39 and 47 cents we have some surprises for you, regular 75 cent values, styles and patterns, the very latest out. We show 25 pattern dresses at 71 and 94 cents a yard made to sell for, and easily worth \$1 and \$1.50, the newest and choicest selections from German and French houses. If you need a dress for this winter we can help you in a suitable selection, and a certainly most suitable price. The cash system does that for you. Bort, Bailey & Co.

THE Y. M. C. A. auditorium may be rented for lectures or entertainments on reasonable terms.

MELROYS WATER-WORKS OPINION

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should not exceed five per cent. of the assessed valuation of real and personal property for the year 1892; and the city had a bonded debt of \$100,000. The Hurley Water Company had an outstanding bonded debt of \$25,000. The question of issuing bonds for \$85,000 to pay for the purchase of the equity had been passed upon favorably by both the council and the electors; but the mayor refused to sign the bonds. In the litigation to compel the mayor to execute the bonds, the Supreme court gave the opinion to which I refer you.

In this opinion the court says that if the \$25,000 of bonds outstanding against the Hurley Water Works should be classed as a debt of the city, the amount of the indebtedness authorized by its charter would be largely exceeded and the issue of \$85,000 bonds would be void.

The court in this opinion says:—The relations of the city to the water works are such that the city assumes no responsibility for the payment of the bonds of the Hurley Water Company which covers all its property and franchises, and that it purchased only the equity of redemption. They say that an individual or private corporation purchasing the equity of redemption in land does not assume the payment of the debt secured by the mortgage, in the absence of an express agreement, and that the same rule applies in the present case to a municipal corporation which purchases water property subject to a large bonded indebtedness. If the same rule applies to municipal corporations as to individuals and private corporations, the relations are unquestionably right in their contention, for it is the universal rule that a purchaser of land subject to existing mortgages incurs no personal liability to pay the debt secured thereby. We are not cited to, nor have I been able to find, any authorities directly in point. A municipal corporation cannot either expressly or impliedly incur a debt beyond the charter restriction. Municipal corporations, have never in this state, nor probably in any other, been authorized to raise money by a mortgage upon the public property. Credit to counties, school districts, and municipal corporations is not given upon the faith of the property they own, but upon the legality of the tax levied, and the ability to raise it by taxation, whether such debt be bonded or otherwise. In regard to its debts, a municipal corporation occupies a very different position from that of a private individual. If a city or county were authorized to purchase land for a city or county building with a restriction upon the amount to be raised or the indebtedness to be incurred, and should buy them subject to an existing mortgage, it would result, from relations of contention, that the public corporation was under no legal obligations to pay the mortgage, and it might be foreclosed, and the land and buildings erected thereon sold upon the foreclosure. It needs no argument to show that this is contrary to public policy, and to the policy universally pursued by this state.

In the case of Mayor, etc. vs. Gill, 31 Md., 375, the mayor and common council sought to avoid a similar construction in the charter of Baltimore by pledging certain railroad stocks, with the agreement that the pledge should look to the payment of the money actually loaned to the city, and that in no event was the city to be liable or responsible for the return or payment of any part thereof, even though the stock pledged should prove insufficient. It was held that the restrictive provision of the charter could not thus be avoided.

It will be noted that both in the Michigan case and in the Maryland case cited in the opinion, the limitation upon the indebtedness arose from provisions in the city charter and not from provisions in the constitution of the states. It is hardly necessary to say that a much more elastic construction may be had of a provision of a city charter than could be had in the instance of a provision of the organic law of a state.

Continuing the opinion, the court cites the following from the case of Litchfield vs. Ballou, 114 U. S. 159.

"The city shall not become indebted; shall not incur any pecuniary liability. It shall not do this in any manner, neither by bonds, nor notes, nor by express or implied promises. Nor shall it be done for any purpose, no matter how urgent, how unanimous the wish. There stands the existing indebtedness to a given amount in relation to the sources of payment as an insurmountable obstacle to the creation of any further debt, in any manner or for any purpose whatever. If this prohibition is worth anything, it is as effective against the implied as the express promise, and is as binding in a court of chancery as a court of law."

And in speaking of the mortgage upon the plant of the water company:

"The city must pay the mortgage, or lose all the benefits to be derived from the purchase. It is expected and understood that it will pay it and the interest on it. Such was the evident intention of all parties."

And in closing the opinion:

"Municipal corporations cannot avoid restrictions upon the amount of indebtedness they may incur by buying property for public purposes subject to liens."

It has been suggested that the provisions of Chapter 182 of the laws of 1895, confer power upon the city to purchase the equity of redemption in the water works plant, without reference to the bonded debt of the water works company.

If the city cannot purchase in the manner suggested to the committee, it is because of the constitutional limitation as to incurring debt; and such limitation cannot be affected by an act of the legislature. Its conditions could only be changed by further amendment to the constitution.

H. M. at ELROY.

CITY ATTORNEY.

A Tragical Misprint.

He wrote a poem to his Kate;
He called her his red rose,
Alas! The cruelty of fate,
The printer made it "nose!"
—Philadelphia North American.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

Johnny—I feel sure our dog bit that tramp.
Papa—Did the tramp say so?
Johnny—No, but the dog looks sick.
Harmless Life.

He Got Her.

He asked her father for her hand,
But did the father frown?
No, much! The suitor was a dolt,
But the richest one in town.
—Cleveland Leader.

Historical Note.

"Was Rome founded by Romeo?" asked Johnnie Chaffie of his sister Jennie.

"No, Johnnie," she replied, "it was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."
—Texas Sifter.

Orthodox.

"Is Mrs. Screeme sound on church matters?"
"I should say so; nothing but sound. She has sung in the choir for 15 years."
—Brooklyn Life.

Quite Probable.

She—Do you think we shall have bicycles in the next world?
He—I rather think we will. Old Nick is a veritable scorch, you know.
—Detroit Free Press.

Agreed with Her.

Mrs. Cobwigger—There was an awful jam down in the dry goods store.
Cobwigger—So I should judge. They seem to have squeezed all the money out of you.—N. Y. Truth.

Johnny—I feel sure our dog bit that tramp.

Papa—Did the tramp say so?

Johnny—No, but the dog looks sick.

Harmless Life.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT I. O. O. F.

Illinois Members Meet and Transact Considerable Business.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 18.—The grand encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois met Tuesday, transacted the business that came before it and adjourned. It made an appropriation of \$4,000 to assist in entertaining the sovereign grand lodge, which meets in this city next September; voted to return to six months' terms of office for subordinate encampments; refused to reduce the fees for initiation, leaving them at \$6; approved the officers' reports; ordered a new digest of the laws of the encampment to be written and printed; appropriated \$100 to pay the expenses of the grand patriarch in holding schools of instruction at several central points in the state, and ordered the grand scribe to procure a handsome grand patriarch's jewel for Past Grand Julius H. Raible for his efficient services.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Grand patriarch, Julius D. Murphy of Bushnell; grand high priest, John T. Blaney of Quincy; grand senior warden, Frank P. Roddy of Decatur; grand scribe, John C. Smith of Chicago; grand treasurer, John P. Foss of Chicago; grand junior warden, Robert A. Smith of Chicago; grand representative, Walter E. Carlin of Jerseyville.

The grand lodge of the order met at night. The reports of the grand officers were presented, and these show the order to be in a satisfactory condition. Owing to the hard times of the past year many members dropped out of the ranks, yet there was a material gain in membership, and the work of relief was carried steadily on. Grand Master Mansfield recommends that the grand lodge take steps to establish a home of aged and indigent Odd Fellows, their wives, and daughters of Rebekah.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

New York, Nov. 18.—The 128th annual banquet of the chamber of commerce of the state of New York, which was held Tuesday evening at Delmonico's, was the most notable yearly gathering that has been held by that great organization. Many of the speeches were distinctly of a congratulatory character, and those who led the fight against free coinage were given unstinted praise, while every mention of their names was greeted with applause. President Cleveland and Gov. Morton were unable to attend the banquet, but they wrote letters which, when read, were received with wild cheering.

Assessment May Be Lessened.

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 18.—The state meeting of the Catholic Knights of America commenced here Tuesday with 100 delegates in attendance. The order is a strictly beneficiary one, and the principal business will be to devise means for lessening the assessments by drawing on the sinking fund, which has grown to considerable proportions. Very Rev. P. J. Macken, Decatur, was elected state spiritual adviser.

Big Car Works Suspend.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18.—The Peninsular-Michigan car works have shut down indefinitely and 1,500 men are out of employment. According to the workers' story the works were re-opened six weeks ago with a force of 1,500 men working night and day. During last week many hands were laid off, and Monday night all who were left were dismissed and told they would be paid off Tuesday.

A Graceful Tribute.

It is not every man who knows how to compliment a woman gracefully. The following dialogue took place between a very pretty lady singer and a celebrated composer, who is by no means addicted to flattery:

"Tell me, my dear maestro, which would you like better, to be blind or deaf?"

"Deaf, madam, when I am looking at you, and blind when I hear you sing!"

—Tit-Bits.

Easily Provided.

They sat before the open grate fire.
"Do you prefer your chestnuts roasted?" he asked.
She inclined her head.
"I like them much better that way," she said.
"As you please," he returned, and in another minute he had thrown the comic weekly into the fire. —Chicago Post.

An American Beauty.

Ah, radiant rose, with your grace so demure,
Your beauty the eye and the spirit contents;
But there still lurks the thorn. None would guess, I am sure,
That you cost me a dollar and twenty-five cents.
—Washington Star.

The New Woman in Politics.

The dark-haired candidate for president of the Amalgamated Women's clubs had made the direct assertion that the auburn-haired candidate once took in washing for a living.

"There is more than one way to nail a campaign lie!" exclaimed the auburn-haired candidate, briskly scratching the other's face. —Chicago Tribune.

Money in an Old Gown.

A deposit note for \$3,885, dated about ten years ago, has just been found by a woman named Jennings living at Bath, England. She was ripping up an old silk dress found among some rubbish in a box and discovered the note—which was drawn on a Bath bank—neatly wrapped up in one corner. Mrs. Jennings married a widower but is now living apart from her husband and the dress was the property of her husband's first wife, who died eight or nine years ago. She had put the note away, evidently saving it to retire upon, but carried the secret of the note's hiding-place with her to the grave.—Exchange.

Poverty and Virtue.

The crowd that followed the Divine Master was of the common people—the poor and the simple hearted, the meek and the lowly. Such was it in olden times; so it is today. If we desire to meet with piety, with faith, with Christianity, it is generally necessary to look for it among the poor.—Rev. Joseph Numan.

Rapid Transit for Fruit.

Fresh fruits are shipped from San Francisco to Liverpool in twelve days.

MYERS GRAND

W. H. STODDARD, Lessee & Manager.

FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 20th.

MR. DONALD ROBERTSON,

THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK

— AND —

MISS BRANDON DOUGLASS

In Alexander Dumas' beautiful romance dramatized by Mr. Robertson, and supported by a strong company of players. Special scenery and stage settings.

Prices—25c, 50c, 75c.

Sale opens Thursday 7 p. m.

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'The Wonder'

GREW

In the estimation of every one who has tried the new wood-burning, fuel-saving Heating Stove, which embraces in its construction many new and novel features never before embodied in any stove.

It is the Cheapest, Most Durable, Best Heating Stove Ever Put on the Market.

THE WONDER

Will heat your parlor, sitting room, dining room; bed room or office from zero to 100 degrees Fahrenheit in 15 minutes.

THE WONDER

Will save 50 per cent. of your fuel, which alone pays for it in one season.

THE WONDER

Will positively hold fire the year round if you put a stick of wood in it every ten or twelve hours. One fire, with ordinary care, will last all winter.

THE WONDER

Is the cleanest stove in the world. No ashes. No dust. It is the safest stove known, as it is absolutely air-tight.

THE WONDER

Never wants the wood split. It burns the wood in large chunks with a more regular heat, and lasts longer. You also save the expense of splitting.

PRICES:

\$7.00 - \$11.00

Send for descriptive catalogue.

A. H. SHELDON & CO.

THE

Bee Hive,

53 W. Milwaukee Street,

Opposite 1st National Bank.

Three Things...

about our stock of Holiday Slippers which will make it easier for you to buy here in this store—instead of elsewhere.

PRICE---QUALITY---ASSORTMENT

Our Assortment is certainly the largest. Our Qualities are always the best. Our Prices are decidedly the lowest.

For 75c -

We are selling an elegant Chenille Embroidered Man's Slipper, warranted solid soles and counters, and easily worth \$1.00.

For \$1 and \$1.25--

We are selling the finest line of Colored Slippers, such as tan, wine and black, with hand turned soles, common sense or pointed toes, Opera style or "Julietts."

Remember we have only new goods to show—no odds or ends. Any size or width. We invite inspection.

THE BEE HIVE.

P. S.—We sell for cash only

Now boys, is Your chance.

For One Week Only

we will sell.....

Nettleton's Famous Patent Leather Shoes

In all sizes, for all feet, \$4 75

at

If you come early you will secure Shoes to your size before the line is broken.

BENNETT & CRAM,

Telephone No. 163-4.

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Sexine Pills

RESTORE LOST VIGOR

When in doubt what to use for Nervous Debility, Loss of Sexual Power (in either sex), Impotency, Atrophy, Varicocele and other weaknesses, from any cause, use Sexine Pills. Drains checked and full vigor quickly restored. If neglected, such troubles result fatally. Mailed anywhere, sealed, for \$2.00; 6 boxes for \$5.00. With every \$5.00 order we give a legal guarantee to cure or refund the money. Address: PEAL MEDICINE CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

Result in 4 weeks.

For sale by Harry E. Rapous, Jamesville.

"NAME ON EVERY PIECE."

LOWNEY'S

Chocolate Bonbons.

1 lb. box Lowney's Best..... 65c

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Palmer & Bonesteel.

Trimmed Hats

At Cost, This week at

MRS. SADLER.

57 West Milwaukee Street...

Men are patient (?) creatures and will stand a great deal without murmuring unless it is a poorly constructed breakfast.

Spring Brook Sausage

makes breakfast the most tempting meal of the day. It is fresh every day, and made from the choicest pig pork I can buy. Its flavor and excellence bring me new trade every day.

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A NEW FIRM FORMED TO FURNISH LIGHT

FRED WHETSTONE AND W. L. WALLACE BUY LINES.

Business of the Bower City Light and Power Company Transferred to Them Last Night—Will Not Furnish Motive Power—Changes to Be Made at Once.

The lighting business of the Bower City Light and Power Company was last night transferred to Fred Whetstone and W. L. Wallace, and the new firm has taken hold.

For some time past the business of the company has been in the hands of Receiver O. W. Bemis. Negotiation has been going on some time, and but a few days ago the court's order was extended to give time to close them.

Whetstone & Wallace will make several changes, and say that they will be enabled to give much better service in consequence. The first change was made today when work was begun on a power house to be located near the one that burned, at Monterey. It is their intention to supplement water power with steam, and they expect to have between 175 to 200 horsepower available. Until the new arrangement can be put into effect, the present power station on North Main street will be used. When the new station is available, however, the machinery in the North Main street station will cease to hum, and the Monterey station will do all the work.

Not Furnish Motive Power.

The small engine at the uptown station will be taken to the new station, while the large engine will be taken back by the builders—the Atlas Engine Co., of Indianapolis, Ind. Much of the other machinery was made by the General Electric company, and will probably be sold by that concern, the new firm taking but little of it.

The new firm will run the plant only at night, and dark days. They will not furnish motive power, but will confine their business to the furnishing of incandescent lights.

The wiring about town will also be changed. The present large wire will be taken down and sold. The lines will then be replaced with insulated No. 6 wire, and the work will be done in a complete manner.

Messrs. Whetstone & Wallace are both well known electricians, and both have been in the employ of the Bower City company. Mr. Wallace has been the superintendent of the company for several years, while Mr. Whetstone was engaged in the electric lighting business before he came from Beloit to Janesville. The many friends of both men will wish them unequalled success, and, as they are both practical and experienced men, that they will "make the thing go" is an assured fact.

TEACH MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Hattie Torrens' Services Secured by The Beloit Board.

A plan for the introduction of music into the public schools, which is meeting with success all over the country, is now being tried in the Beloit High schools by Mrs. Hattie Torrens, formerly of this city. The Beloit Free Press says:

"The latest High school enterprise is organization of a chorus, and the engagement of Mrs. Torrens, of Lake Geneva, for musical director. The chorus has a good and enthusiastic membership, and with so able a leadership as Mrs. Torrens, will be 'heard from' in the near future."

"Mrs. Torrens is well known in Beloit, and besides having a large class of pupils in this city she is training the Baptist choir."

"Mrs. Torrens is musical instructor of the Lake Geneva schools. A fee of fifty cents is paid by each member of the chorus to pay for the instruction. About sixty members are already enrolled. The chorus will meet for practice Friday afternoon after school."

MILLER BUYS MUCH COUNTY LEAF

Stoughton Man Has Made Heavy Purchases in This Vicinity

Henry Miller of Stoughton, one of the most extensive leaf tobacco buyers of the state, was in the city today as the guest of Mayor F. S. Baines. Mr. Miller purchased between twelve and fifteen thousand cases of '95 goods in this section of the state. He predicts a busy season.

CASE OF SCARLET FEVER REPORTED

Second Ward Home Was Quarantined for a Short Time.

Health Officer Gibson was called to the Glen street home of Mr. and Mrs. James Casey, their daughter being ill with scarlet fever. The case was a mild one, and the quarantine card remained up but a short time.

THE CARES OF EARTH ARE OVER

Miss Martha Lentz.

After a lingering illness with consumption, Miss Martha E. T. Lentz died this morning at 1 o'clock, at the home of her parents, 403 Western avenue. Besides a father, and mother, three sisters and a brother are left to mourn her death. Funeral services will be held from the home at 1:30 o'clock on Friday, and from St. John's church at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. George Kaempff will officiate, and the interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

An official test of the fire wells at both Armour avenue and McKey boulevard will be made tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Chief Spencer says the public is invited to see the test.

STUB ENDS OF LOCAL NEWS.

CLOSING out sale of over gaiters, 15 cents a pair, at Lowell's.

LADIES' 25 and 40 cent gaiters, only 15 cents a pair, at Lowell's.

DRESS goods, seventy-five new pieces at Bort, Bailey & Co.

COMMISSIONER Watson's men made a good highway on South Main street.

THE Woman's Relief Corps held at business meeting tomorrow afternoon. J. A. DECKER was loading four cars of tobacco for shipment to New York city today.

THE new Regina music box at Helmstreet's drug store. Call and hear it play.

THE business men played indoor base ball in the Y. M. C. A. "gym" last evening.

THIS is to give notice that I am a candidate for the Janesville postoffice. E. O. KIMBERLEY.

THE teachers and officers of All Souls will meet at the church for study tomorrow evening.

SCHOOL books and school supplies—Headquarters for Rock county at Sutherland's Book Store.

CALL in Helmstreet's drug store and see the immense stock of gold fish he has just received.

FRIDAY and Saturday we shall have two large music boxes playing. Call and see them at Helmstreet's.

THE Try society of All Souls church will meet Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris.

Box calf shoe trade in ladies' goods keeps right up, \$2.85 and \$3.75 the prices. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

As usual, Sutherland's bookstore contains the most valuable assortment of holiday goods in the city.

THE banquet to be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening, has been postponed.

THE prettiest shoe on the foot for \$4.50 you ever saw, those patent leather shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

THERE will be plenty of fun at the masquerade ball to be given by the salesmen at Columbia hall tomorrow evening.

THE civil suit in the Municipal court of Baker against Wilder has been adjourned. Both parties are from Evansville.

YOU can't spend \$4.50 in any better way than in buying a pair of those patent leather street shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

A GREAT assortment of handkerchief designs, also Honiton, lace braid and the very fine number 700 thread for embroidery, at Helen Servatius, new ladies' furnishing store.

THE largest stock of miscellaneous books in the state—books for the young, books for the old—Cheapest books at Sutherland's Book Store.

ONE dollar and fifty cents from \$6 leaves \$4.50. That is exactly what we are doing with men's patent leather street shoes. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

HON. JOHN M. WHITEHEAD spoke at the big republican ratification at Evansville last night. Two thousand people were present, and a free supper was served.

HAVE you thought of stamped linen for holiday gifts? Helen Servatius has a great assortment of linen and does stamping free every Thursday. 21 W. Milwaukee Street.

MANAGER Stoddard has again booked Lillian Sackett and her company for a week's engagement, opening at Myers Grand opera house Monday evening, Nov. 23. The company are presenting a high class repertoire of popular successes.

THOSE who contributed to the republican ratification fund and who wish to withdraw their contributions are requested to call on C. S. Putnam. All the funds remaining in his hands will be turned over to the Associated Charities.

B. F. CROSBETT took the part of Sir Walter Raleigh this noon. A carload of coal blocked the path that Marzluft & Company's lady employees were wont to use, so Crockett & Bonesteel made them a path by laying bags and gunny sacks in the mud.

MARGUERITE Crinkle Crepes—A cotton fabric with a silk appearance, looks like it might cost a dollar a yard. It's intended for dresses for evening wear; comes in pink, blue, cardinal, cream, blue, and navy; width 30 inches; price, 12½ cents per yard. Archie Reid & Co.

EDWARD SIMPSON, of the Waupesa Veterans' home, writes to Chief Aheson to tell him that Sylvester Rose, whose address was asked for in an item in the National Tribune, is an inmate of that institution. Mr. Rose enlisted at Janesville early in the war, leaving a girl baby, who now desires his address, according to the Tribune clipping.

THERE are many shoes in our stock that the reduction in price since we adopted the cash system October 15, is considerable, but one of the most marked reductions is that of the patent leather extension sole street shoe for men from \$6.00 to \$4.50. You will know its genuine when you see the shoe. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

JUDGING by the way merchants are advertising cloaks, the great (?) cuts they are making right in the heart of the season, business must be a little off, something wrong about their styles. They no doubt paid too much for their garments. We show the most interesting line of winter garments in Janesville and are naming figures that are making our cloaks move. Our stock is not composed of broken lots of every make in the country, but is a clean, up-to-date assortment of all that's new and the greens, the empires, the golf capes, etc.—very attractive styles for children. J. M. Bostwick & Sons.

FALL TRADE NUMBER OF THE GAZETTE

THANKSGIVING EDITION WILL BE A BIG ONE.

Sixteen Pages of Matter Appropriate to the Day Will Be Printed And a Circulation of 5,000 Copies Seems Assured—Advertisements Must Be in Early.

Thanksgiving brings so much stir and activity this year—means so much in the way of business revival—that The Gazette has decided to mark it with a Fall Trade Edition.

A sixteen page paper full of special Thanksgiving matter has been planned, therefore, and will be issued next Saturday.

Appropriate illustrations, the best of short stories and miscellany as tempting as a Thanksgiving bill of fare will crowd the extra eight pages.

Of this Fall Trade Edition at least 4,500 copies will be sent out, and there seems a probability that the number will run to 5,000. As nearly as may be it will be placed in every home in the city, and Edgerton, Evansville, Milton, Milton Junction and Clinton will be supplied.

No better opportunity could be desired for special advertising of fall and winter goods. The quality of the edition will insure its careful reading, and bargain announcements will not be the last thing to receive attention.

The merchant who has inducements to offer to Rock county people can do no better than to buy space in The Gazette's Thanksgiving and Fall Trade number. There will be no increase in advertising rates, despite the increased circulation.

There is but one condition. The time is short, and advertisements must be in early.

RUSK LYCEUM HOLDS DEBATE.

President Cleveland's Chicago Action the Subject Under Discussion.

Last evening the Rusk Lyceum held one of the most interesting meetings held by that organization this year. The debate on the subject: "Resolved that President Cleveland was not justified in his action during the recent Chicago strike," was a very prominent feature of the evening's programme. Those who took part in the debate were:

Affirmative—Hugh Hemmingway, Edward Norcross and Ralph Buell. Negative—M. L. McNamara, Charles Reeder and Robert Knoff.

After the debate Professor Buell gave a very interesting talk on "What Constitutes Culture," incidentally bringing in remarks about his eastern trip. The Lyceum debates are all public and the members of the Lyceum invite all interested persons to attend.

SPENT A PLEASANT EVENING.

Twenty Friends of Mrs. Lucy Hanson Very Delightfully Entertained.

A few invited friends were entertained last evening by Miss Lucy Hanson, of Blaine avenue. The evening was very enjoyably spent. Among those present were:

Misses—Susie Lewis, Elva Crawford, Cora Rutter, Lulu Winkley, Lucy Hansen, Rose Moon, Mae Winkley, Minnie Belkey, Florence Moon, Ella Morrison.

Messrs.—Arthur Clark, Walter Blay, Charles Ward, Charles Miller, Jay Bliss, Fred Osborn, Milton Junction; L. A. Williams, Harry Blay, Ward Gilbert, Milton; Clark Reswick.

GAVE LOW RATES FOR HOLIDAYS

The Railroads Make the Usual Concessions to Patrons.

The railroads are beginning to announce the usual reduction of rates for the holiday season. Tickets will be sold on all lines for one and one third fare for the round trip to any point within 200 miles from the place of sale. The days of sale are Dec. 21, 25 and 29 and Jan. 1, and the tickets are good for the return until Monday, Jan. 4. A new arrangement has been made this year, whereby the agents at towns where there are located colleges or similar institutions can fix an additional day of sale by agreement of all the agents to correspond with the vacations of the students.

TO BE THE FIRST OF THE SEASON

Salesmen's Masquerade Ball at Columbia Hall Tomorrow Evening.

The first masquerade ball of the season will be given at Columbia Hall tomorrow evening. It will be the first of a series to be given by the salesmen of the city and promises to be a very enjoyable affair. The public is invited but the management reserve the right to refuse admittance to any objectionable parties. Smith & Dutton's orchestra will play.

DENOUNCED INGERSOLL'S LECTURE

One Man Put His Condemnation Into Very forcible Language.

Ingersoll's lecture on "The Bible" did not please all the people who heard it. Among the people who were displeased, was one man who waxed indignant. When he reached the sidewalk, he clenched his fist and said: "Ingersoll is a ——— hypocrite, by ———!"

Closing Out Sale of Gaiters.

All our ladies 25 and 40 cent over-gaiters will close out for 15 cents a pair. They were cheap at 25 and 40 cents a pair and at 15 cents they certainly are bargains. Lowell Hardware Co.

A CLOAK clean-up for today and every day during November; half early season's price is the rule. Archie Reid & Co.

THE PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO

J. C. KLINE was in Chicago today. W. I. BOTHERMEL, spent the day in Edgerton.

MRS. LEE BEERS has returned from Waukesha.

R. J. MALTPRESS was today down from Edgerton.

DR. EVANS, of Evansville, was in the city today.

BEN. C. WAIT, of Stoughton, spent the day in the city.

FRANK LANE, of Rockford, spent the day in this city.

WILLIAM H. BURR arrived home this morning from Milwaukee.

A. BOOTH, a coal dealer from Spring Valley, Ill., was in town today.

EDWIN LAWRENCE has been added to the Colvin Baking Company force.

FRANK MCNAMARA is down from the State University for a short visit.

B. K. WINTERMUTE, of Muscatine, Iowa, is the guest of local relatives.

A. G. RAMSDALL, of Oshkosh, was today registered at the Grand Hotel.

E. SPROULL, of Buffalo, N. D., is visiting friends in the city, for a few days.

MICHAEL WARD, a conductor from Baraboo, spent the day with local friends.

JOHN B. WALDO, a former resident, now of Minneapolis is the guest of local friends.

MISS LOUISE SHEARER is home from Madison to attend the Robertson-Shearer wedding.

MR. and Mrs. Samuel M. Smith are expected home from their wedding trip Tuesday evening.

CHARLES SCHWILER, a leaf tobacco dealer from Jefferson, compared notes with local leaf men today.

E. L. CLYDE, a former old time Janesville merchant, but now of Chicago, is visiting in the city.

FRED YOUNG, formerly of this city, but late of Michigan City, Indiana, is now located at Toledo, Ohio.

MRS. E. A. PIERSON of Muscatine, Iowa, has arrived in the city to spend the winter as the guest of her son, F. F. Pierson.

MR. and Mrs. J. H. Adams, of North Adams, Mass., are spending the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ray.

MRS. ELIZABETH TODD and Mrs. George Ingersoll, of Beloit, spent yesterday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kimball.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

As pretty designs as can be found in embroidered flannel for ladies' and infants' skirts, are sold by Helen Servatius, at 21 West Milwaukee street.

NOTHING so noticeable about a man's dress as his shoes. You know that, don't you? Every man looks at his neighbor's feet as he passes. A pair of \$4.50 extension sole street shoes for men makes the passing glance of your friends a satisfaction. A. Richardson Shoe Co.

WOMEN are much interested in the cloak sale advertised today, and which began Monday. It offers a grand line of garments at half other stores' prices. Many late novelties are in the line, and all are included in the price cut. The big line of misses' and children's jackets finds many admirers. Archie Reid & Co.

THREE o'clock, as we write this, we are unpacking 150 new, nobby, very late styles in jackets and capes for women, and pretty things in jackets for misses and children. We are always on the look for good things, and a cash offer put these garments in our store at prices very small. J. M. Bostwick & Sons.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST—Long white feather box, between J. Janesville and Shopiere. Please return to this office.

Horses Wintered.

Best of care, all conveniences. J. P. SHIELDS, City. Box 860.

R. R. POWELL,

.. DENTIST. ..

HOURS: 9 to 12 a. m. J. JANESVILLE

1 to 5 p. m.

Over Mrs. Woodstock's millinery store, West Milwaukee Street.

R. W. KING,

— DEALER IN —

Books, Stationery,

Wall Papers,

Window Shades,

Subscriptions

received for all papers and magazines.

Window Shades

made to order; the best and cheapest.

20 W. Milwaukee St.

FOUND THE HORSE THE ROBBERS USED

ABANDONED OUTFIT DISCOVERED NEAR BELOIT.

Thieves Had Used it to Escape From Spring Grove, Green County, But They Left No Trace of Their Identity—Goods Not Found—Police Pickings.

The horse and carriage used by robbers from Spring Grove, Green county, Monday night, was found near Beloit this morning. No goods were recovered and no clue to the robbers was found. It is supposed that the men abandoned the outfit and got across the line without delay. Beloit officers took charge of the horse and buggy. "Yankee Pat" Sheridan was taken in hand last evening by Officer Brown for the second time this week. He was taken to jail and later Chief Aheson found Pat's horse hitched to a fence in the Spring Brook addition. Pat was so filled with liquid joy that he was unable to tell just how it came there. The horse he said, was a new one, and had kicked the buggy inside out.

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MATERIALS AND TRIMMINGS.

Plaids, Boucle and Rough Goods—Beautiful Brocaded Silks.

Scotch plaids of all kinds are seen in great profusion. Boucle goods being also fashionable, the two are often combined, rough bars and hairy stripes intermingling with the plaids. Two-toned rough goods are also in great vogue, black with a color, green, deep blue, red or purple, being much seen. The black forms a sort of rough network over the colored ground, the latter being often of silk.

Spangled and embroidered materials are now sold for vests, boleros, etc. The latter are also found in ready shaped pieces of passementerie or lace. These are, of course, expensive, and only a good quality is worth buying, as the cheap imitations always have a tawdry look.

Now that fur is so fashionable that everybody, poor as well as rich, feels obliged to wear it, it would be hard to estimate the number of the frauds for which the rabbit is indirectly responsible. Cheap fur is a delusion and a snare. It is always an imitation, of course, and the dyeing and other processes to which it is subjected de-



WINTER COSTUME.

stroy its fiber and take away what merit it possessed in its original state. A very little good fur is infinitely to be preferred to a large quantity that is of poor quality. It wears better and looks better, because it is better.

If gown sleeves have, as a rule, much diminished, such is not invariably the case with those of wraps, for the bishop sleeve figures quite largely on some of the new sack and mantle models.

The brocaded and flowered silks put out by the manufacturers this season are really works of art. Those intended for evening wear are exquisite in design and color. When made up, they are very often combined with darker velvet matching the prevailing shade in the figures.

The cut illustrates a straight sack of green cloth. It is plaited both back and front and is adorned with lengthwise bands of mink. The upper part is decorated with black passementerie embroidered with green and gold. The large, full sleeves are gathered at the wrist under a band of mink and extend beyond in a fur edged frill. Coques of satin are placed around the collar. JUDIC CHOLLET.

FASHIONS IN FUR.

Jackets With High Collars—White For Evening Wear.

The present wide belt or corselet is usually made of bias goods to insure a perfect fit. Occasionally it is shaped and boned like a bodice, but when it is draped or wrinkled it is always bias.

Boleros of fur will be worn, but the sack remains the favorite for out of door wear. Jackets fitted at the back and straight in front are also well liked. The sacks intended for winter wear are of increased length, and sometimes have a seam in the middle of the back as well as under arm pieces. The seams may be left open for an inch or so at the bottom. High, flaring collars remain in favor. They are stiffened and are lofty enough to conceal the ears. As for sleeves, they are wonderfully diminished, and it takes decidedly less goods to make a bodice in consequence.

White evening gowns are to be much worn. They are really the most useful ones, for all sorts of accessories and trimmings may be worn with them and an effect of variety obtained at comparatively small expense.

Fur occupies an important place in this winter's wardrobe, as it did in that of last



WINTER COSTUME.

winter. Often it is merely an adornment, bands, revers, collars, being composed of it to give an air of fashion and sumptuousness to the costume. Comparatively few women can afford fine fur garments or linings. Those who can are fortunate, for expensive furs cannot be satisfactorily imitated. All varieties of fur are worn, and no kind is really unfashionable. Chinchilla is notoriously short lived, and mink fades. And so these two are really more costly than their first price would

lead one to think, since they are not serviceable. They are much seen, however, and are among the most pleasing in appearance.

The skirt of the costume illustrated is of purple cloth. The tablier is framed by two tapering panels of sable. The full chemise, of purple surah, is partly covered by a pointed bolero of purple velvet, having a collar and revers of sable. The high, folded corselet is of navy blue velvet. The close velvet sleeves have a cloth drape at the top, gathered under a strap of fur. JUDIC CHOLLET.

The Moslem religion teaches that there are different hells, arranged one above the other, the deepest and hottest being El-Kariah, which is reserved for hypocrites.

LED BY A STICK.

Explanation of What Induced Nansen to Seek the Pole.

It is not generally known that among the facts which induced Dr. Nansen to undertake his expedition to the North Pole was the discovery of a little piece of wood called the "throwing stick."

Professor J. Murdock explains what a "throwing stick" is, and how it led Dr. Nansen to believe that there was a steady current flowing across the Pole. He defined a "throwing stick" to be a contrivance for casting a javelin or harpoon, which is employed by various savage races, such as the Australians, some South American tribes, and especially by the Eskimos.

The patterns of different countries differ from one another, so that a connoisseur can say whether a particular "stick" belongs to Greenland, or Hudson Bay, or Alaska. In 1886 a curator of a Norwegian scientific society found a "throwing stick" among the driftwood at Godthaab, Greenland, different from those used in Greenland, but similar to those used in Alaska, and practically identical with implements employed by natives living near Behring Strait.

The discoverer, Dr. Ring, set himself the work of finding out how it reached Godthaab. It was evident that it had not drifted, by way of the Northwest Passage, for that way is barred by such a network of islands that the stick would undoubtedly have stranded long before it reached Greenland.

The only reasonable explanation he could give was that the stick must have drifted with the current that sets north through Behring Straits into the Arctic Ocean. On the north of the Strait the current moves steadily westward.

There the stick must have met the current that sweeps down between Iceland and Greenland, and then turned northward again around Cape Farewell. This theory appealed to Dr. Nansen, and ultimately led him to form his adventurous plan of trusting his little vessel to the current which he believed would carry him over the Pole.

SOUGHT ARTISTIC RELIEF.

He Mistook a House Decorating Store for a Place of Painless Dentistry.

From the New York Herald: His strangely fitting clothes, and his made-up neck scarf proclaimed him to be from the country. He walked into a Fifth avenue house decorating establishment one day last week and gazed, in a bewildered way, at the hangings, the stamped leather and the antique furniture.

"That's a dentist's chair, I s'pose," he said, pointing to a lot of four-legged furniture over in a corner.

"Style of Louie Katorze," replied the nice young clerk, as he put an extra touch to his very proper string tie.

"Don't ker what style, young man," replied the man with the made-up neck scarf. "I want it, and want it quick. This gol-darned tooth is jumping like all hemlock, d'e hear? Git out them pincers and rustle yourself."

"I'm at a loss to understand you, sir. This is no tooth pulling establishment."

"Tain't, hey?" exclaimed the man from out of town. "Come here and see!"

He dragged the young man out on to the sidewalk and showed him the gilt sign across the front of the building, which read: "Artistic relief." Then he went on his way bemoaning.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, ROCK COUNTY, CITY OF JANESVILLE—ss: In Justice Court Before M. P. Richardson, J. P.

To George Russ: You are hereby notified that a summons and garnishee has been issued against you and your property garnished to satisfy the demand of F. L. Clemons, assignee of J. M. Kneff and H. V. Allen, co-partners, doing business under the firm name of Kneff & Allen, amounting to \$24.80.

Now, unless you shall appear before M. P. Richardson, a justice of the peace, in and for said county, at his office in said city, on the 24th day of December, A. D., 1896, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, judgment will be rendered against you and your property to pay the debt—dated this 15th day of November, 1896.

F. L. CLEMONS, Assignee of J. M. Kneff and H. V. Allen, co-partners, plaintiff.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN—COUNTY COURT FOR ROCK COUNTY—In Probate.

Notice is hereby given that at a special term of the county court to be held in and for said county at the court house, in the city of Janesville, in said county, on the 3rd Tuesday, to-wit, the 15th day of December, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. the following matter will be heard, and considered:

The application of Juliett A. E. Campbell to admit to probate the last will and testament of Mary Ann Fladler, late of the city of Janesville, in said county, deceased.—Dated Nov. 17, 1896.

By the Court, J. W. SALE, County Judge.

Angie J. King, attorney. weno18d3w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court for Rock County—In Probate.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular term of the county court to be held in and for said county at the court house, in the city of Janesville, in said county, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1897, being June 1st, 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m. the following matters will be heard, considered and adjusted:

All claims against Susan Frost, late of the city of Janesville, in said county deceased. All such claims must be presented for allowance to said court at the court house in the city of Janesville, in said county, on or before the 17th day of May, A. D. 1897, or be barred.—Dated Nov. 17, 1896.

By the Court, J. W. SALE, County Judge.

H. McElroy, attorney. weno18d4w

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AT SEA.

Shall we, the storm tossed sailors, weep
For those who may not sail again
Or wisely envy them and keep
Our pity for the living men?

Beyond the weary waste of sea,
Beyond the wider waste of death,
I strain my gaze and cry to thee,
Whose still heart never answerseth.

Oh, brother, is thy coral bed
So sweet thou wilt not hear my speech?
This hand, methinks, if I were dead,
To thy dear hand would strive to reach.

I would not, if God gave us choice
For each to bear the other's part
That mine should be the silent voice,
And thine the silent, aching heart.

Ah, well for any voyage done,
Whate'er its end or port or reef.
Better the voyage ne'er begun,
For all ships sail the sea of grief.

—James Jeffrey Roche in Angelus Magazine.

A LUNATIC BALL.

As this story traveled in a roundabout way it may have been elaborated and built up before it came to hand, but the facts, as nearly as they can be learned, are about as follows:

Mr. Melton, a young man interested in the lumber trade, traveled on a suburban train one Friday night to attend the weekly dance at the asylum for the insane.

Mr. Melton is constantly longing for "experiences." He would rather look at an opium joint than a donation party and would rather go slumming than attend a Sunday school picnic. The ball at the insane asylum appealed to his love for the picturesque. Lowry, the politician, had promised to take him out, and Melton had not allowed him to forget the promise.

Lowry came aboard the train at one of the stations on the way out, and the two were warmly welcomed when they arrived at the asylum, for this Lowry was a companionable man of considerable influence.

As Melton stood in the doorway of the ballroom and glanced at the rows of well behaved and rather abashed people against the wall he could hardly believe that he was so different from the others. He reflected that if he were to arise some morning and tell the other boarders that he was the emperor of China and had more money than he could use he might become one of this company.

Except that many of them were pale and melancholy and a few of them were heavy eyed, intent on studying the floor, the assemblage would have compared favorably with any chance gathering of respectable, everyday people.

He knew, of course, that the violent patients or those totally demented were not allowed at the ball. The company was made up of convalescents or those whose vision was merely twisted so that they could not see things in their proper relation. Some of the younger men had attired themselves with particular care and wore buttonhole bouquets. Many of the women, too, bore the outward signs of gayety. Melton was rather disappointed. He had wanted to witness something "uncanny."

"I want you to dance this evening," said Superintendent Lucas, standing at his elbow. "One trouble with the visitors is that they stand around and stare at the patients as if they were a lot of freaks. Now, these people are not dangerous. You needn't believe everything they tell you, but if you mix up with them and are friendly you'll find them very easy to get along with. Come on, and I'll introduce you to some of them."

The little orchestra was tuning up, and a patient who had been installed as floor manager was giving a correct imitation of a sane man who had been thrown under the same trying responsibility.

Melton had attended many evening parties, but he felt a new embarrassment as he passed along a line of demure women patients and bowed to each of them in turn. He shook hands with several of the men and then backed up to the wall to watch the opening. The superintendent, standing beside him, said:

"Oh, by the way, you must meet Miss Caldwell."

He beckoned to a young woman who was talking to the leader of the orchestra, and as she came across the room Melton whistled to himself and said:

"Here's a case of blighted love, and he's not over 20."

"Miss Caldwell, I want to present Mr. Melton," said the superintendent.

"He's rather bashful in company, but perhaps you can entertain him. Now I'll go and look after Lowry."

Melton found himself staring at a very pretty girl, who returned his gaze in a half frightened manner.

His head buzzed, and he never before was so much in want of a topic. How was he to begin a conversation with a young woman who might fancy him to be the prince who had come to rescue her from the tower?

"Do you dance?" he asked in a sudden desperation.

She gave a start, and he imagined that she shrank back a little.

"I'd rather not," said she timidly.

"Well, then, let's sit over here in the corner and watch the others."

They found an out of the way place, and Melton, who had recovered a little, remembered the instructions given him by the superintendent.

"These dances are very pleasant little affairs," said he. "They seem to be attended by an agreeable lot of people."

"I think it's a good idea to have them," said she. "You know most of these people, of course?"

"I've met a number of them," he replied.

"You like Mr. Lucas, don't you?"

"Very well indeed; nice fellow."

"He didn't tell you, did he, that I was a cousin of his?"

Mr. Melton began to suspect the nature of her delusion. He resolved to be diplomatic.

"Oh, yes, I knew that," he said. "So you're a cousin of Mr. Lucas?"

"Yes, I'm here visiting him. I've been here about two weeks. Mrs. Lucas is so good to all the—people here, isn't she?"

"Yes, indeed. She's very considerate."

Melton now understood the situation. This girl did not know that she was in an asylum. They had told her that she was a visitor.

"It's a nice place to come for a visit," said he. "I came out here with a friend of mine, a gentleman named Lowry. I live in Chicago."

"Oh, yes. Well, I'm sure you'll like it out here."

"I'm sorry I can't stay longer. I'm going back to town tonight on the late train."

"Going away tonight?"

"Yes, I have to go to Milwaukee in the morning."

"Why do you have to go there?"

"I'm going up to see about a deal in lumber. I may buy some hardwood lumber up there."

"How much?" she asked.

"Well, she's inquisitive enough," thought he, but he was tolerant and answered, "Oh, perhaps 1,000,000 feet."

"Oh, 1,000,000 feet! Won't that be nice? I hope you'll get it."

Melton was rather amused at her interest in his affairs. He began to question her.

"Will you remain here long?" he asked.

"No, I'm going to leave in a few days and go to New York. I have an uncle there, and I expect to take a trip with him on a yacht."

Melton repressed a smile at the references to the "uncle" and the "yacht." He resolved to investigate further. He had heard that patients were always willing to talk of their delusions.

"I notice that you are wearing an engagement ring," said he. "So you are to be married, are you?"

For a moment she appeared startled and then she laughed heartily.

"I'm engaged to one of the nicest fellows in the world," said she. "You're not jealous, are you?"

This was more than Melton had bargained for. He had been impelled by the curiosity of the student, but he was not enough of a ghoul to have fun with the delusions of an unfortunate girl. He had detected the maniacal tone in her laugh.

"Oh, no," said he hastily. "I congratulate you."

She laughed again.

"If I remain here, I'll have her violent," thought he. So he excused himself and hurried over to rejoin Lowry.

As they rode to the city on the late train Melton told Lowry that the most interesting patient he had met was a girl who thought she was only a visitor at the asylum, and who expected to go to New York and ride on a yacht, and who, saddest of all, wore an engagement ring and really believed she was soon to be married to some nice young man who existed only in her disordered brain.

No longer ago than last week Melton was at luncheon in a quiet restaurant. He looked up from the bill of fare and saw at the next table—the asylum girl.

She was radiantly attired and was chatting gaily with an elderly woman.

"By George, she's cured," said Melton to himself. "I wonder if she remembers anything that happened. If she does remember, it will be mighty embarrassing if she happens to recognize me."

Then he asked himself whether it would be proper to speak to her in case she recognized him. He knew the society rule as to ballroom introductions, but he had never learned what was good form in the case of asylum introductions. If he spoke to her, he would have to refer to their former meeting. That would be painful to both of them.

Suddenly the pretty girl looked toward him and gave a startled "Oh!" and then blushed furiously. He was recognized. He simply stared at the bill of fare to hide his confusion.

The voice of Superintendent Lucas aroused him.

"This is Mr. Melton, isn't it? Come over here. I want to tell you a story."

"No, no," exclaimed the young woman.

But Mr. Lucas, who had come into the restaurant to keep his appointment with the women, seized Melton by the arm and led him over to the other table.

"Mary," said he to the elderly woman, "this is Mr. Melton, who came out with Lowry that night. Melton, I'm going to tell you this. You've met Miss Caldwell."

The girl's face was one fiery blush, and she seemed ready to cry.

"Well, sir," said the superintendent without pity, "she met me that evening you were out there and told me that the most interesting patient she had met was that Mr. Melton. She said you seemed to be all right until you started to talk about lumber."

"I'll never speak to you again," said Miss Caldwell decisively.

"And, by the way," continued Mr. Lucas, "she says you asked her if she was engaged."

"Really I must apologize," said Melton, a great light breaking in upon him. "I wouldn't have talked that way only I thought—well, you didn't say—I supposed she was one."

"What!" exclaimed the girl.

Mr. Lucas roared and poor Melton collapsed. Then there was a general understanding. They insisted that he take luncheon with them, and he did so, devoting the entire time to a labored explanation.—Chicago Record.

His Angel Spot.

Prison Chaplain—Ah, you have a pet, I see!

Convict—Yes, this rat. I feeds him every day. I think more o' that 'ere rat than any other livin' creature.

Prison Chaplain—Ah, in every man there's something of the angel left if one can only find it! How came you to take such a fancy to that rat?

Convict—He bit th' warden.—Strand Magazine.

Foot Ball Game, Madison, Minnesota.

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When they put a man in jail, he cannot follow his natural inclinations. He cannot eat what he wants to—he is limited to a very frugal diet. Is it not equally true of a dyspeptic? For all of the real enjoyment he gets out of life, he might as well be in jail. He cannot eat what he likes, not enough. He suffers much, gets little sympathy. At first, perhaps a little heaviness in the stomach, a little sourness, windy belchings and heartburn. Headaches and biliousness and a foul taste in the mouth in the morning. Chronic constipation is almost inevitable, and means that the body is holding poisonous, impure matter that should be gotten rid of. The poison is being reabsorbed into the blood and the whole body. Impurity in the blood may lead to almost any disease. Constipation is the start of it all. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation, cure it so it stays cured. No other remedy in the world will do that. Of druggists.

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Ending Thanksgiving day. Over 100 sets of the newest patterns to choose from. All sets up to \$20 will be 20 per cent off; all over \$20, 25 per cent off. 100-piece sets, all marked in plain figures.

\$ 5.00 sets are now \$4.00
7.50 sets are now 6.00.
8.50 sets are now 6.80.
10.00 sets are now 8.00.
12.00 sets are now 10.40.
14.00 sets are now 11.20.
15.00 sets are now 12.00.
25.00 sets are now 18.75.
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Ladies', Misses' and
Childrens Shoes. . . .

At the Bankrupt sale of Brooks Bros., the Madison street shoe dealers, in Chicago, at a great sacrifice.

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Ladies' Shoes - \$1.00 to 1.75

Easily worth \$2.50, elegant Kangaroo Calf stock.

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Put on your gum boots and buying clothes and come to one of Lowell's famous sales. Experience in the past should tell you there are bargains of all kinds waiting for you. Our Shoe department, all the way through, is full of good things. We sell more Shoes than most people think for.



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Those \$18 Coal or Wood Stoves at \$9.50 are bargains.

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75 pieces of NEW DRESS GOODS ARE HERE.

And we have to show you the best values and prettiest designs for the money ever brought to Janesville.

20 pieces of all wool, 36 in: wide, Novelty Dress Goods at 25 cents a yard.

In beautiful combinations of red and black, green and black, brown and black, blue and black. The usual retail price on this line of Dress Goods is 40 to 50c a yard. It is our new plan of doing business, "buy for cash and sell for cash," that enables us to offer you these extraordinary values.

39 and 47 cents:

We have some great surprises for you---regular 75c values, styles and combinations the latest, many of them only one pattern of a kind.

25 Pattern Dresses at 71c and 94c a yard:

Made to sell for, and worth, \$1 and \$1.50 a yard. These are the newest and choicest productions from the German and French looms.

If you have got to buy a dress don't you think it will be to your advantage to see this first class, high grade, low priced stock of Dress Goods. The CASH PLAN saves you money on every item you buy.

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Handkerchiefs...

Just received the largest and prettiest line of Handkerchiefs ever shown in Janesville.

The sale will continue all the week commencing Monday morning.

Just step in and look at the immense display of handkerchiefs. The store is one mass of Handkerchiefs and is worth the time to look at them whether you are in need of handkerchiefs or not. This is just the opportunity to avail yourself of handkerchiefs for the holidays. We show the prettiest line of handkerchiefs commencing at 2½c and running as high as 75c.

The 5c Lot . . . are plain and embroidered and hemstitched and are equal to any 10c handkerchief.

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Men's fine overcoats,

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Choice quality black Beaver, cut in the very latest and nobbiest styles, finished with all the pains taking attention to details that characterizes the best made-to-order garments, lined throughout with the best silks and woolens, with the lapped seams. Our price 18

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In black and Oxford mixtures, cut full length to almost reach your shoe tops, with great storm collars, lined with fancy black worsted bordered with silk laps. The Ulsters have a very substantial and stylish appearance. Our price 14

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Very heavy, very durable, warm and very dressy, made from the finest West of England cloth. These Ulsters are cut extra length. They are made up with large, silk lined flaps on the pockets, and are lined all through with the finest silk plush, with sleeve linings of the best grade of silk. Price 28
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